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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 27 pages (with title page), including 2 independent claims and 57 claims total.
2. Drawings- 9 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-9b).

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application Nos. 60/239,100 filed October 11, 2000 and 60/237,518 filed March 7, 2001.

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